

Action plan to accomplish mitigation measures:

Education

Priority #1

***Wildfire suppression training for Lemhi County Fire Departments**

Training is available through the Bureau of Land Management and the Salmon/Challis National Forest Services Coordination for training to the local fire departments will be scheduled through the Emergency Coordinators office. Training will start the end of March. A Train the Trainer course will be conducted through the Bureau of Land Management. This will allow local fire department instructors to conduct wildland fire training in their own departments. This course will be offered in the spring of 2003.

***Emphasize preservation of wildland urban interface using proactive, cooperative approach with incentive programs.**

Utilize cooperative agreement between Forest Management, county, and private contractors for making availability of the use of slash and deadfall for firewood for the local seniors, handicapped, and/or low income residents.

Encourage property owners to use grant programs to great facilities which can serve a dual purpose as water supplies.

Priority #2

Fire wise workshops, Home-site survivable space, and wild fire behavior education.

Conduct community meeting; held in the early spring to educate the home owners in high to moderate risk areas. Williams Lake, Williams Creek, Gilmore town, Jesse Creek and Hayden Creek. /Leadore are priority.

areas. The Gibbonsville/North Fork area will be given refresher sessions. The committee will check with the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) on possible grant funding on this project.

***Subdivision homesite education on creating survivable/defendable space, and wildfire education.**

In the development of all new subdivision, prior to approval of P&Z , developers will be given FIRE WISE development regulation, and opportunity to attend FIRE WISE training.

Priority #3.

Provide education for county developers/contractor/realtors.

Education of implementing defendable space criteria, and utilization of fire resistant material in new constructions of buildings in the interface areas. Provide FIREWISE hand-out to realtors.

Preparedness/ Response

#1 Priority

***Project Coordinator:**

Lemhi County Commissioners, along with representatives from the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Emergency Services, and Local Fire Departments, will conduct interviews for the position Of Project Coordinator/Assistant , to begin in the month of March, 2003. Funding provided by grant for BLM.

***Development of a countywide evacuation plan.**

Lemhi County Emergency Services and Local Emergency Planning Committee will work with all involved agencies to develop a county wide evacuation plan. Individual evaluation plans for high-risk areas will precede.

***Active recruitment and training for fire persons in Williams Lake, and Elk Bend area.**

Lemhi County Emergency Service and County LEPC will start active recruitment for personnel in areas of need. Emergency Service Coordinator will schedule training through Salmon Fire Department, Bureau of Land Management, and Salmon/Challis National Forest Service.

A community meeting has been scheduled for July 5,2003 at Williams Lake for FireWise training, and how defensible space improves home owner's defense against wildland fire, will be topics of the July 5th meeting.

***Home evaluations in high and moderate risk areas.**

Representatives from the committee will incorporate help from representatives of the Community with experience in the process of evaluation of properties that are at risk.

Williams Lake, Williams Creek, Forth of July Creek, Tower Creek, Jessie Creek ,Gilmore town site and Hayden Creek are areas which remain a priority.

***Assist in economic development/ maintenance of small diameter wood utilization in Lemhi County**

With collaborative efforts on Local, BLM, State and Federal properties, prospects of utilizing conjoined sales of small diameter trees, for utilization in post and poles (ect), will help with reduction of fuels near residential areas, and aid in the economical stability of local businesses.

***Assist in proquing grants to help County Fire Departments obtaing apperatises and equipment.**

With the assistance from the Emergency Services and WUI program apply for gants to obtain needed equipment. That will inable departments suppress all forest in the Urban Interface area.

#2 Priority

*** Identification of fuels reduction projects, high/moderate risk areas.**

Through risk assessments conducted by the WUI program , Project coordinator will prioritize high priority projects, Assessment conducting in accordance to County areas at risk, and fuels reduction project proposed by BLM and Forest Service.

***Additional personal protective equipment for the Elk Bend, and Williams Lake Fire Department.**

Emergency Service Coordinator, Elk Bend, and Williams Lake Fire Department will submit a grant request to the Idaho Department of Lands to help fund new protective equipment.

***Hazardous fuel treatment on Bureau of Land Management(BLM) land adjacent high/moderate risk areas**

Bureau of Land Management will assess priority areas and decide treatments needed. The reduction of fast fuels program will be contracted out to private citizens .Mowing of tall grasses, creation of defensible space by the clearing of overgrowth of fast fuels, small timbers and widening fire breaks will be administered.

#3 Priority

***Improve access routs in the Williams Lake, Sheep Creek, and Kriley Gulch area.**

County Commissioners will contract the County Road department to widen access roads and Improve turnarounds where possible in designated areas.

* Explore the economic feasibility of a small diameter wood utilization business in Lemhi County
The County Commissioners will contact the Idaho Department of Commerce to determine the feasibility of a small wood utilization business in Lemhi County

***Hazardous fuel treatment on private Properties in identified high risk area,**

Through grants received to the county for Hazardous fuels reduction project. The county WIU coordinator will assess high need/risk properties. This will be conducted through assessments, and public meeting. Projects will also be identified to coincide with fuel reductions projects NFS and BLM are proposing.

****Future Development encouragement of utility companies to reduce ignition fuels and windfall hazards in power line corridors and install underground lines in new subdivisions when replacing older lines.**

The County Commissioners and Fire Prevention personnel will work with Planning and Zoning, Developers, Realtors, Lemhi County Fire departments and Tax Assessors so that future development are more fire safe and homes more defensible. Such things as ingress/egress, road width, water supplies, home addressing, bridges, roofing/building materials and landscaping will be address

*** Institute a utilization plan for the compacted tires from county landfill.**

The county is pursuing the possibility of using compacted tires for fill in the High School parking lot. The students will be asked to apply for grants to help with the construction of this project.

Fuels Reduction

Priority # 1

*Fuels reduction on private property; contract with property owner or private contractor to reduce fuel at a minimum of a 50 foot perimeter of all structures on property. Incorporate FIREWISE guidelines for private projects. If possible have projects on private properties adjacent to BLM/Forest service projects.

***Hazardous fuel treatment on National Forest ,BLM, and State and adjacent to moderate/high-risk areas.**

The Williams lake area will have a work day where identified hazardous fuels will be reduced.

This will be in conjunction with the NFS and BLM working groups

Community Meeting with property owner adjacent to BLM ground in Gilmore Summit area.

Community meeting with residents in the Williams Creek drainage area/Develop FIREWISE community

Priority #2

***Ensure that the land development ordinance and building code support the mitigation of wildland urban interface fire danger.**

***Improve accessibility routes in Williams Lake, Sheep Creek, and Kriley Gulch areas**

County Commissioners will contract the County Road department to widen access roads and Improve turnarounds where possible in designated areas.

***Community cleanup in Williams Lake area.**

The Williams Lake Citizen group and Williams Lake Volunteer Fire Department will organize cleanup date to be held in early July, Fire Wise work shop will be sponsored by Emergency Services.

The Williams Lake Citizens group will contact the Lemhi County Road Department to get dump trucks to haul debris.

Priority #3

***G.I.S. Mapping for private/Interface fuels.**

Personnel from the County will be sent to training to upgrade skills, also upgrade GIS software

Lemhi County Wildland Fire Mitigation Action Plan Maintenance:

In the effort to measure the progress of mitigation actions all identified projects will be reviewed and assessed to the degree of completion by the committee.

All identified project will be evaluated on a scale of 1-5, 1 being lowest and 5 highest on the completion scale.

Re-prioritization of projects will be done on an annual basis by the committee. Results of this will be recorded and added to Mitigation plan with the annual up-date of the plan.

Action Plan maintenance evaluation:

Project	Evaluation	Date	Score
Home evaluation of high/moderate risk areas	Evaluation for Williams Lake, Williams Creek, Gilmore , Complete (05) Tower Cr, 4 th July Cr., Hayden Cr. Jesse Cr To start 2006	5-05	3
Fire Wise work shop for high risk area and general community of Lemhi county	Work shops conducted in various part of Lemhi County, This is a continues process do be done yearly, WUI coordinator/assistant conduct workshops	Work shops started 04	4
Fuels treatment on BLM land adjacent to private properties	BLM has worked cooperatively with Lemhi County in identifying areas of need for HFR, adjacent to private properties, as of currant the BLM has completed and HFR in the Williams Lake area, and Gilmore area	Project Start date 2004	3
Fuels reduction on private properties	Several fuels reduction projects have been completed, through coordination with the BLM, County, UFS, and private citizens of high risk area 25 private fuels reduction projects have been completed. Areas of fuels reduction, Sheep creek (10 reduction projects, Gibbonsville (5 fuels reduction project, Panther creek (1 large scale, Williams lake (6 Williams Creek (3. More reduction projects have been identified to begin in 2006	2003-2005	4
Wild fire suppression training for local Volunteer	Through the BLM all the volunteer Fire departments in Lemhi County go through yearly Wildand fire suppression/survival training	2003 Annual	5
Recruitment and training for fire personnel in Williams lake/Elk Bend area	Recruiting in Williams Lake area is minimal due to isolated location of residential area. Elk Bend Fire Department has had active recruitment success, the department had increased from 6 volunteers to 20. Training in both areas has been well received, both departments have received training in fuels reduction and wildland fire suppression	2004 Training continu al	5
Updated PPE for Elk Bend and Williams Lake VFD	Both departments have received equipment through grants procured	2004 Contin	3

	through the IDL, and FFA, Elk Bend has purchased a new/Used tender, through IDL grant, Efforts to continue to upgrade PPE is continual.	ual	
Improvement in access to road in Williams Lake, Sheep Creek, Kriley Gulch areas Continued)	In a collaborative effort between Residents, County and USNF, the road to Williams Lake has been improved 30% making access to lake achievable for response vehicles, Community citizens (con) Are in the process of clearing and attempting to widen access to their privet drives. Sheep Creek and Kriley Gulch are still in need of work	2003 start	2
Community Clean-up Williams Lake area	The Lemhi County working group along with citizens from area conducted a clean-up Fire Wise meeting on July 3 rd 2004, The citizens also signed up for fuels reduction projects on their private properties. This is a continual process, the citizens of the community are working hard to make their area safer and home more defendable against wildland fire.	2004-2005	3
Development of County evacuation plan.	The county emergency management department has developed a generalized evacuation plan for basic evacuation procedures, also individual high risk area evacuation plans are being developed, 3 of the 5 are complete. These plans are reviewed annually by the departments involved and up dated. The planes are also on record with the BLM and Forest Service	2004-2005	3
Small wood utilization	Studies for this have been minimal, however there has been some studies completed, study on utilization of slash from fuels reduction project to heat area departments is as of present being survived, the affordability of converting conventional heat sources to the other source, also small saw mile in area received grant to expand business for production of poles from small diameter fuels.	2004-2005	2
Project Coordinator	Lemhi County through grants from the Department of land have hired a assistant coordinator for the Wildland Urban Interface program. Job description included, finding grant for continual fuel reduction projects	2003-2005	5

Future Development	Through the county building department and planning and zoning the WUI and Emergency management have been actively involved in identifying problems that could arise from development in interface area. WUI department meet with developers or private resident to assist with question and evaluation on how to make their structures (homes fire wise, and fire resistant, also proper ingress and egress into new subdivisions.	2005	3
GIS mapping for private/Interface fuel	The county through grants have purchased new GPS tool along with mapping tool for mapping purposes of mapping hazardous fuels on private properties, the WUI Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator will be trained in the use of these tool as soon as training is available. Through corporative work with the BLM GIS mapping crew, mapping of the hazardous fuel in the Williams lake area is complete.	2004	2
Utilization of compact tiers at county landfill.	Compacted tires have been used as a fill/cushion in the placement of new pavement in the high school parking lot. Other uses for these tires are being pursued.	2004	2

Evaluation and scoring identified projects will be done and reviewed on a yearly basis. The committee will also identify new and reprioritize existing projects.

Evaluation of 2003/2004 projects completed:

11/20/2005

The Lemhi County Wildland Fire Interagency Group will meet every three months to discuss the progress of all identified projects and review progress of such. The Lemhi County Wildland Fire Interagency Group will also review and revise the Wildland fire mitigation plan annually. As updates are completed they will be approved by the Fuels Reduction committee, all update will be publicized on Lemhi County Website for public review. All minuets from meeting will be recorded and be the responsibility of the Emergency Service/WUI department. Updates for the county plan will be maintained through Emergency Services/WUI department.

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Update/Revise Plan	12/2005
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